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Amelia Rose

U.S. Invasion Of Iraq Begins

Both Students and Faculty Divided On War Issue

By JULIE STAVITSKI
Editor-in-Chief

One student supports the war wholeheartedly.

One student supports the troops but not the war.

And another student doesn't support the troops or the war.

These are the opinions found in any given place within the Mary Washington College community after America launched a war against Iraq on Thursday March 20 to destroy Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein and his Baath regime, which was in power since the 1960s.

As opposed to the air strikes in Afghanistan in October 2001, which the majority of the campus supported, opinions on the war in Iraq are sharply divided.

Senior Amelia Rose, head of the Human Rights Club, said that she felt going to war in Iraq was unjustified.

"It's not going to be as simple and easy as the Bush Administration has said," she said. "Just by watching the news, experts have said we're facing a strong resistance and there will be high military and civilian casualties and longer than the administration anticipated."

Junior Michael Hagan said he was for the war for three reasons: regional security

in the Middle East, U.S. leadership against Saddam Hussein's regime, and for human rights and morality issues.

Hagan, a republican, said that while he respects the opinions of Rose and the Human Rights Club, he feels that the benefits of this war far exceed the costs.

"They think the opposite," Hagan said. College Republicans president Josh Morris said he fully supports President George W. Bush and the military actions being taken against Iraq.

"I think Saddam Hussein has been allowed to torture his people far too long, and I am glad to have a president in office who will remedy the situation," Morris

said. Assistant Professor of English and Director of debate Timothy O'Donnell said that he feels we are in this war because of a lack of debate.

"Congress basically gave the administration a blank check," he said. "We didn't debate how many casualties, how much money we'd spend, and we didn't debate what the tradeoff is."

O'Donnell also said there would be some difficulty in viewing this war as successful.

"If we decapitated Saddam on day one

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College Republicans and others demonstrate support for America.

Philip Griffith/Bullet

Campus Experts Speculate

By BRIDGET MURPHY
Assistant Features Editor

On March 20, Mary Washington College students and faculty watched with the rest of America as U.S. forces waged war on Iraq without U.N. support, bombing buildings in the country's capital city of Baghdad.

The initial attack, according to *The Washington Post*, was a "shock and awe" array of bombings on governmental palaces in the city, and a swift attempt to demolish Iraq's leadership. As America enters its second week of war, with ground troops on the move toward Baghdad, many question how long the conflict will last and at what cost.

"We've been engaged in a strategic air, basically, a surgical air strike against Baghdad for the last week.

and we've accomplished quite a bit," said Associate Professor of History and American Studies Porter Blakemore. "The problem is that we miscalculated in that we thought that a lot of these guys would disappear. Saddam Hussein has nowhere to go. I mean, if he quits, he's dead. So he's going to fight."

According to Blakemore, there is a potential problem in waging war against an enemy who is ensconced in an urban environment.

"When it turns to close-quarters combat, street to street, block by block, house by house, the cost of the war goes up dramatically in casualties both on our side, the civilian casualties in particular, and of course the material destruction goes up dramatically," he said.

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Professor Throws In Towel Leaves Due To Departmental Conflict

By CONOR REILLY
Staff Writer

For the second time in two years, a new professor in the Business Administration department at Mary Washington College has left the school. Former Assistant Professor Joseph Lakatos abruptly resigned from the college over winter break.

Lakatos's departure has left business students wondering what's going on in their department and has also left several business courses to be taught by adjuncts, in a department that already has one of the highest adjunct staffing ratios at the college.

Lakatos, a former Certified Public Accountant and corporate lawyer, said he earned \$1.2 million a year before coming to Mary Washington College. He blamed his sudden resignation on the Business Administration department Chairperson and Professor R. Leigh Frackelton, whom Lakatos said he clashed with over departmental issues.

"I am not there because of one man. I was treated very poorly by Frackelton," Lakatos said.

Frackelton refused to comment. "It's a personnel issue," Frackelton said. Lakatos is scheduled to speak at this year's Junior Reg Ceremony.

After an extensive interview with *The Bulletin* regarding the nature of his leaving, Lakatos objected to Frackelton's use of the word "personnel," which he thought should be "personal."

When the *Bulletin* refused his request to change Frackelton's quotation, Lakatos demanded that the story not be printed. He said that running the story would place him

and his family in danger and said it would be an invasion of his right to privacy. *Bulletin* editors told Lakatos that the story would still run as scheduled in this week's paper.

On Tuesday night, *Bulletin* editor Philip Griffith received a phone call threatening his life if the story ran. The unidentified caller said "If the story runs on Thursday, you'll be at the bottom of the [expletive] river on Friday." College police are investigating the threat.

Lakatos would not speak on specific examples of his problems with Frackelton over the course of his two-year career at the college, though he did say that the administration "does an awful lot to protect [Frackelton] at the expense of the students."

The conflict between Lakatos and Frackelton was not hidden. Students were aware of the problems that the two were having.

Nina Burkert, a sophomore business major said, "There was tension."

The culmination of this tension, and a factor in the resignation of Lakatos, occurred over a Corporate Tax class being offered for the Spring semester of this year. According to Lakatos, Frackelton is the most qualified professor to teach the Corporate Tax class. However, he said Frackelton passed the duty on to a less qualified adjunct professor.

Dan Hubbard, associate professor of Business Administration, as well as a friend and colleague of Lakatos, weighed in on the possible reasons behind the conflict.

"[Lakatos] wanted the best professor to teach the class. But from Frackelton's side, he wanted to develop faculty resources,"

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What's In A Name?

Committee Formed To Consider Changing MWC Name

By ADELE UPHAUS
Staff Writer

President Anderson has reactivated a committee to look into possible new names to link Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center as a university. However, faculty and administration maintain that the name Mary Washington College will continue to retain its prominence, at least at the undergraduate campus.

"We'll have to get new stationary, a new sign, and new application materials," said Ron Singleton, senior vice president for Advancement and College Relations and ex-officio member of the committee. "But it's important to the administration that the name MWC remain prominent. It's been a real challenge to communicate this to people."

The McHoud committee, named after alumna Kathy McHoud, is a resurrection of a previous committee formed by Anderson in 1996 to think of a name for the Stafford campus, now the James Monroe Center.

According to Singleton, the new committee is being formed to come up with an appropriate name for the university, which will link Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center. He anticipated that the committee will begin its work in mid-April and will hopefully be completed in two semesters. It will study focus groups of prospective students, look at faculty recruitment and survey alumni in its search

for a name. The committee will be made up of alumni, members of the Board of Visitors, members of the community, administrators, faculty and students.

Singleton said the committee will operate under the same set of assumptions as the previous one, which included the following: "The name Mary Washington College for the current program and campus in Fredericksburg, with its emphasis on a high-quality undergraduate, residential, liberal arts education, shall remain unchanged."

"We're not at all looking to change the name of this campus," Singleton said. "We're adding a name, not changing a name."

Singleton also said that the main reason for the search for a name to link the two institutions is to ease the confusion between Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center, as James Monroe students receive diplomas from Mary Washington College and the center is operated by college administration. With an overarching name linking the two, the campuses will be able to operate as completely separate entities.

Steven A. Greenlaw, professor of Economics and chair of a recent study on the college's mission and image for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, agreed that the Mary Washington College campus will remain the same under the University name.

"It was important to my study to make

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Police

By PORTSIA SMITH
Assistant News Editor

Beat



March 1—Fredericksburg City Police responded to a disturbance complaint about a loud party on Prince Edward Street. Four male students were found to be having a party at their residence where alcohol was served and an admission was charged. The four students were of age, but there were underage students drinking at the party. In lieu of criminal charges, the four males were referred to administration.

March 6—Between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., a Wood Company staff member reported a Palm Pilot, valued at \$287, stolen from an office at Seabeach Dining Hall. There are no suspects and the case is under investigation.

March 20—Campus Police responded to a complaint of a disorderly student in Russell Hall. The 19-year-old male student was found to be intoxicated. Blood covered the student's hands and cuts were on his knuckles. A broken window pane in Russell Hall was later found. The student admitted to breaking the window. Damage to the window is approximately \$150. The male student was arrested for drunk in public and destruction of property. He will also

be referred to administration.

March 22—at 2:45 p.m., a 20-year-old male student was observed walking on campus with a bottle of beer. He admitted to drinking alcohol and the bottle was confiscated. He was referred to administration.

March 24—A hit and run incident was reported at 1:55 p.m. A vehicle parked behind Bushnell Hall was struck causing \$250 worth of damage. The driver of the other vehicle left the scene without notifying the owner of the damaged vehicle. After investigation, the hit and run driver, a female, was identified and given 24 hours to report the incident, which she did.

March 25—At 2:44 a.m., two male students were observed carrying parking signs that were still attached to 4x4 wooden posts. The signs that said "Service Vehicles Only" and "Mail Service Vehicle Only" were pulled from the ground in Willard lot. The students had no reason for removing the signs and smelled of alcohol. Both underage students were referred to administration for drinking alcohol and vandalism.

Playing The Name Game...Again

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sure that the image of this campus will not be affected," he said. "For at least the next 10 years, the two campuses will be marked separately. We want to say 'Come to MWC,' not 'Come to the new University.'"

For many, the issue of a name change is highly contentious. According to Singleton, there was a movement in the mid-80s to change the name of the Fredericksburg campus, due to fears that the female name was failing to attract male students and the college was misperceived by potential students.

However, Greenlaw described this argument as "uncompelling," and Ernest Ackermann, professor of Computer Science and president of the Faculty Senate, said the motion was strongly opposed by the faculty.

At the heart of the issue is the fact that Mary Washington College is one of only a small handful of public colleges in the nation named after a woman.

According to William Crawley, distinguished professor of History and American Studies and the college's historian, the name of the college is unusual as a public, co-educational institution named after a woman.

"It still occupies an unusual position," he said. "It continues to be an anomaly so there's room for misperception."

Facts about Mary Washington, however, are very sparse. Little is known except that she married at 23, gave birth to six children, of whom George was the eldest, and died four months after he was inaugurated as president.

For some, the preservation of the name is important because of its recognition of the significance of women's contributions to American culture.

David Cain, distinguished professor of Classics, Philosophy & Religion, and another member of the committee studying the college's image, agreed.

"I think it's great," he said. "The name is a little bit of genuine history, and we owe it to

ourselves and our predecessors and ancestors to claim and celebrate it."

Ackermann also spoke about the rich tradition of the college and the importance of preserving it.

"It's a good idea to retain our identity as we are," he said. "We have a long tradition of knowing who we are, not to say changing the name will destroy it, but you have to take that into account."

Greenlaw said that his committee, which studied the mission and image of the college for its up-coming reaccreditation by the SACS, never felt that the name caused it to be misperceived.

As far as male enrollment goes, Ron Singleton said that the college's ratio is not far different from that of other colleges.

"We've been very successful in recruiting talented males," he said. He said increased male enrollment is not a factor in the current committee's search for a name for the university.

Others believe that the name of the college does lead to its being misperceived by potential students. Roy Gordon, men's soccer coach and professor of Athletics, Health & Physical Education, said that he would be personally in favor of a name change.

"I think the image of MWC is that of a woman's college, and it affects enrollment of both males and females," he said.

As an example of the school being misperceived, he told a story about his son's experience at Governor's School at William & Mary. When his son told friends there that his father was men's soccer coach at Mary Washington College, the response was: "We didn't know MWC had men."

Whether the college is misperceived or not, faculty and administration insist that the addition of a new name will not affect the image and operation of this campus.

"This campus will stay the same," said Greenlaw. "It will cap at 4,000 students."

Business Professor Leaves Upset

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Hubbard said.

The loss of Lakatos has affected both the student body as well as faculty members.

"We lost the best professor in the department, myself included," Hubbard said. "His commitment to the students was 100 percent. He spent a great deal of time working with students outside of the classroom. Working with [Lakatos] made me a better professor. I miss having him around."

Associate Professor of Business Administration Galen DeGraff said, "Professor Lakatos was a very good teacher and the students seem to like him."

Students, too, noted Lakatos's effectiveness as a professor.

"Professor Lakatos was the best teacher I have ever had," said sophomore Nina Burkert. "He really lived it here, but sometimes things don't work out."

Junior business and psychology major Emily Kuppler looked forward to attending his classes. "It was supposed to have two classes with Professor Lakatos, but unfortunately I have adjuncts now," Kuppler said. "Professor Lakatos will definitely be missed greatly."

Lakatos said, "I'm told I did a great job, but sometimes when you do a great job, people want

you out."

"I know where the business department is headed, and it's not a good place unless they make some changes," Lakatos said.

He added that he believes the department needs to do a better job of mentoring new faculty, as well as increase the level of camaraderie among business faculty.

"The business department needs to focus on excellence in teaching," Lakatos said. "But apparently it is blasphemy to say these things."

Family also factored into Lakatos's decision to resign his professorship. He said that it was in the best interest of his wife and family.

"My wife was tired of me coming home unhappy every night, and it wasn't doing my little boy any good either," Lakatos said.

Lakatos said that while he and Frackelton did not see eye to eye on most issues, he respected the department chairperson as a professional.

"Leigh Frackelton is a good person," Lakatos said. "He just can't separate his personal feelings from management decisions."

Lakatos, who recently guest lectured at a class led by Professor Hubbard, said that he misses teaching at the college and admits to getting emotional over the loss at times.

Nation In Brief

By Lindsay Botton



Alabama Stops for Salamanders

HOMEWOOD, Ala.—Spotted salamanders are finally getting the recognition they deserve in Alabama. At resident Don Stewart's request "salamander crossing" signs are being installed along an important road intersecting with the lizards' annual migration route, reported the Associated Press. Every year during the first full moon after the first warm rain the black and orange or yellow spotted creatures come down the Shades Mountain towards a wetland near Shades Creek. Council members say they were happy to oblige the salamanders. "Thirty years from now someone will look back and see I voted for a salamander crossing," said Councilman Walter Jones. "They won't remember anything else but they'll remember that." The signs will be yellow and have a black salamander drawn by Stewart on them.

Gambling Pays Off Big in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS—A 25-year-old software engineer from Los Angeles won \$39 million at a slot machine in the Excalibur Hotel-Casino on the Las Vegas Strip. The man, who didn't want his name revealed, says that he was there visiting family and betting on the "March Madness" tournament, reported Reuters. "This Megajackpot is nearly \$5 million more than the previous world record slot jackpot amount of \$34.9 million," said John Sears, vice president of Megajackpots for IGT. The Megabuck's machine on which he won can pay out \$5,000 for a \$1 bet. He says that he had put in about \$100 when he turned his head away. When he looked back the symbols had lines up and he won \$39,713,982.25.

Drug Suspect Puts Himself on Ice To Evade Police

BURLINGTON, Iowa.—Jerome Anthony Dobby thought that he could avoid being caught if he just found the right hiding spot. So he hid in a refrigerator. He faces drug charges including possession and intent to deliver crack-cocaine, reported the Associated Press. "I definitely heard comments that this was a first," says investigator Greg Hoffer with the Southeast Iowa Narcotics Task Force. After receiving a tip that Dobby might be in the house of Melody Marie Graham was living they went and knocked on her door. Graham said that Dobby wasn't there but that they were welcome to look for him inside. Police opened an unplugged refrigerator with boxes stacked in front of it and found Dobby. Dobby is being held at the Des Moines County jail on \$195,000 bond. Graham who is charged with being an accessory after the fact is being held on \$6,500 bond.

Dead Men Don't Make Telephone Calls

AUBURN, Mass.—David Towles just can't get away from bill collectors even five years after his death. A cemetery in Auburn received a phone bill for Towles addressed to Hillside Cemetery, Evergreen Section, Auburn, Mass. 01501, reported the Associated Press. Towles died in 1997 at the age of 60 and was buried there. "Our clients here don't usually get mail," says Cemetery Superintendent Wayne Bloomquist. "I wondered if maybe we should start putting mailboxes on the monuments." The Spirit bill was for 12 cents and included a 10-cent call made on Feb. 16 of this year. Officials called Sprint's automated service and found that due to the bill being unpaid the amount due is up to \$3.95. Town Clerk Ellen Gaboury says that she will hold onto it for a while. "I'll have to," she says. "Mr. Towles' credit could be affected if it remains unpaid."

College Community Polarizes On War Issue

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and the troops were greeted at home with flowers, then yes, the war would be viewed as successful," he said.

Morris disagreed with O'Donnell's opinion that there hasn't been enough debate over the situation.

"I think 12 years of debate is enough," he said.

Junior Hagan said that he can see why some view that there was not enough debate over going to war, but that the U.S. needed to go into Iraq, with or without U.N. approval.

"Sometimes unilateral action is necessary," Hagan said. "Perhaps there was not enough debate. That is not enough of a reason to go to war."

O'Donnell said that if the war was successful, quick, and with little or no civilian deaths then he could see the merits of the war.

"These are small probabilities," he said. "I'm a little skeptical that all those things will come true."

O'Donnell said that for one to support the war, he or she must be really comfortable with the treatment of Iraq and its people.

"If the U.S. has good intelligence on Iraqi military units surrendering to U.S., then we're OK. If it's weak or wrong, disaster ensues," O'Donnell said.

Unfortunately, some members of the college community feel that the promotion of freedom of speech has been compromised on this campus.

In Monroe Hall last week, fliers promoting peace were torn down or defaced. Members of the Geography and Sociology departments, including Associate Professor of Geography Donald Rallis sent an email to the campus community.

"We're members of an academic community," he said. "We not only tolerate but encourage a variety of opinions.

Stifling opinions runs counter to the mission of the educational institution."

Morris said that his pro-war statements have also been censored on this campus.

"A message the College Republicans put up [on the spirit rock] was defaced almost as soon as it went up," he said.

Rallis said he encourages the freedom of speech and open debate during wartime.

"Some argue that we shouldn't be critical during a time of war. There is no more important time than this," he said.

Rallis stressed that the building blocks of democracy encourage citizens to speak their minds.

The censorship of statements on either side have fostered a mild tension among some club leaders. Rose said that while she personally hasn't felt any ill will from the student body for her views, she said a few members of the Human Rights Club have felt "intimidated" walking around on campus alone putting up pro-peace signs.

"Hatred is wrong, unethical, and un-American," she said. Morris said that he feels he has to make more of an effort than the Democratic and pro-peace groups on campus to make his voice heard.

"I'm a target for argument all the time," he said. Rallis also said that the media's choices of commentators and war experts slant coverage to a pro-war side, allowing for little or no debate of the issues.

"It's a parade of retired generals," he said. "I had no idea we had this many retired generals on the planet. There's no pretense anymore of promoting peace."

Through his geography classes, Rallis has encouraged discussion of the war. He said that few of his students have enthusiastically supported the war.

"The majority who have spoken out have grave reservations about this

war," he said.

Since the administration initiated the proposal to go into Iraq, Rose said the Human Rights Club has been active in helping to stop the war from occurring.

"We've been talking in the campus center, sending petitions to Congress and attending debates with the College Republicans," she said.

The College Republicans sponsored a "Rally for America" in downtown Fredericksburg on Monday night. He said about 60 to 80 people showed up and the group plans to hold another before the end of the semester.

Hagan said that the issue of liberals versus conservatives or pro-war versus pro-peace activists on this campus is not the main issue and that the focus should be on supporting the troops.

"College Republicans" held a drive giving out yellow ribbons to support the troops," Hagan said.

"The fact that people picked them up to support the troops is the uniting factor. [Political parties] are not what matter now."

Rose said that while she supports the troops and their duty to serve America, she does not support what the troops are doing in Iraq by killing and bombing their citizens.

She said that by criticizing the protestors, people are missing the message they are sending.

"We want the troops to come home," she said. "We don't want them to die for a cause we don't see as justified."

Rallis, along with other professors, have gathered each afternoon this week at noon in front of Monroe Hall to protest the war. He said that one day, a student who had a spouse in Kuwait discussed her criticisms of the presentation.

"I accept the sincerity of that perspective," he said. "We want our troops to come home safely, as well as the Iraqi troops."

Viewpoints

your opinions

Editorial

MWC Forever

The proposed name "extension" for Mary Washington College fails to take into consideration several very important points.

First, several administrators claim to be searching for name recognition. Any name recognition Mary Washington College has will be destroyed in a name change. The College will take a step backwards into obscurity.

Secondly, in ten years, when the two campuses will unite under one name, thousands of alumni who graduated from Mary Washington College will suddenly have diplomas from a school that no longer exists.

Next, being one of the few, if not the only, public institution of higher learning in the United States named after a woman should be a source of pride, not disgrace.

It is now the twenty-first century. Women have proved themselves as strong and worthy of respect. Men for the most part are comfortable enough in their masculinity to attend a school named after a woman.

Changing the name to include a man sends us back 50 years, saying a woman cannot support herself with out the help of a man.

Still, some claim the name creates an uneven sex ratio on campus. Yes, the U.S. population at large is approximately 50 percent male and 50 percent female.

However, more women than men attend college. An uneven sex ratio exists at almost every college in the United States. Mary Washington College's higher proportion of females is normal; in no way is it an extreme.

Also, and all apologies due to the athletics department, this is an academic institution that is attempting to increase its academic standing. Changing the name to recruit more (male) athletes does not serve the primary function of Mary Washington College.

Finally, the name "extension" would be the only actual change. Why seek university status if there will be no additional graduate programs?

Support The Protestors: It's What We're Fighting For

Sgt. ALEX VANBREUKEN
Guest Columnist

I am a United States Marine stationed aboard the USS Nassau with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). I am currently sitting in the Persian Gulf watching the war unfold in front of me on television. As I type, the 15th MEU is engaged in a firefight in Umm Qasr, Iraq. The war is not the only news that has been on the television everyday. There are hundreds of thousands of ignorant Americans protesting the war. I just wanted to let everyone

know that we do not hate them; we do not even want them to stop. The day that the American public no longer has the right to say what they want, when they want, is the day that our military is not doing their job.

The constitution has given all Americans the right to free speech, as well as many other inalienable rights that millions of people across the world know nothing about. I'm sure that

everyone does not understand why we are involved in this war. I am not sure that I know why we are involved. What I do know is that each of the 250,000 American service members that are in the Persian Gulf right now are doing what they get paid to do. We get paid to ensure that the hundreds of thousands of people back home that are protesting the war remain free to have the right to protest. We get paid to ensure that you can live and enjoy the life that you live today.

Hundreds of thousands of American service men and women have given their lives to protect

what every American has, and yet it doesn't seem today that too many Americans realize what they have: freedom. Freedom from tyranny, freedom to speak our minds, freedom to live as we want. No matter how many protesters march through the major cities of America, we will continue to fight. We will never give up hope on the average American working man. We will continue to do what we have done for 228 years, provide America with freedom.

Myself as well as every other U.S. Marine get paid a fraction of what the average American makes. We live in the worst conditions possible. We deal with stresses that the common American citizen will never know about. I ask that all the protesters take a minute to put themselves in the shoes of one of the United States Marines from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit. As I write this, they are lying face down in the dirt, clothed in an over garment made of charcoal, which makes the midday sun that much hotter. In their arms is their weapon, the weapon that has given the United States its freedom for the past two centuries. Those Marines as well as every other service member in the Persian Gulf will continue to fight so that you, the American citizen, can continue to protest. We are comfortable with the protesters. We are the only reason they are able to protest.

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Disgusted With Everywhere

MARIE FUNK
Guest Columnist

Mary Washington College disgusts me. Virginia disgusts me. America disgusts me. With this war, the only people I ever hear from are hippy, idealistic liberals who refuse to get the facts before they start preaching about how "Bush is a terrorist." When the communist idiots finally shut up, then I have to listen to conservative, right wing rhetoric from the money grubbing, upper middle class white men who yell that "freedom isn't free!"

Hmm, that was offensive in so many ways, yet it's the language I've heard all over the Mary Washington College campus since the beginning of the year. It's self-defeating! I had hoped that college would finally provide an opportunity to have respectful political debates, and it has to a great degree, but the gross generalizations are, getting to be too much. Robert P. Simpson's observation ("Your Rights According To The Right," March 20) that human shields are, "like most leftists, really

about symbolism over substance [and] the reality of cold, hard truth gets annoyingly in the way," undercuts his entire message. While I sympathize with the lure of writing letters when one's passions run hottest, unfortunately, it often leads to disrespectful language that underservedly characterizes both the writer and the intended target of criticism as one-dimensional and unintelligent.

I have a simple request for the Mary Washington College community: if you learn I am against this war, don't assume that I'm ungrateful and unaware of the sacrifices American troops make. Don't assume that I am a communist. Don't assume that I think Saddam Hussein is just a leader. Most importantly though, don't assume that you have any idea how I feel about any issue beyond this war!

If you learn that I support President Bush's decision to attack Iraq, don't assume that I am a man. Don't assume that I am rich. Don't assume that my heart doesn't break when an Iraqi civilian dies. Most importantly though, don't assume that you have any idea how I feel about any issue beyond this war!

Marie Funk is a freshman.

NO MATTER WHAT YOUR OPINION ON THIS WAR



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS. PLEASE.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You, MWC

Dear Editor:

Mary Washington College really stepped up to the plate.

When Fred Phelps, the self-proclaimed anti-gay extremist, visited Mary Washington College in early March to protest a student production of "The Laramie Project," students at the college organized a truly amazing show of support to counter his message of hate and intolerance.

The peaceful vigil, which wound its way through campus and quietly lined the walkways near duPont Hall, was a beautiful and powerful statement to all that the Fredericksburg and Mary Washington College community oppose hatred in all its forms.

In addition, for every minute that Fred Phelps and his small group protested at the gates of the College, students, faculty, staff and other community members banded together to make a contribution to Equality Virginia. Equality Virginia is the state's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender advocacy and education organization. We work to educate people across the state and lobby our legislators to end the very type of discrimination and hate that Fred professes.

Well, the numbers are in. The pledge drive raised over \$1,200 for Equality Virginia, and signed up dozens of members. As a member-based organization, this support will help us

demonstrate to our elected officials and those that oppose strong hate crimes legislation that the times, they certainly are changing for the Commonwealth.

Thank you Mary Washington College and Fredericksburg. You clearly let Phelps know that the likes of him and his followers are certainly not welcome in Virginia.

Dyana Mason is the executive director of Equality Virginia.

You Must Listen To Me

Dear Editor:

For these past few months preceding war with Iraq, students have been given their right to free speech by protesting the government, protesting Bush, etc. Recent events have appalled me, however, as to how these students are sabotaging the other side's right to free speech.

To show support for my president and what I feel is a just war, I posted a sign on my dorm room door. No more than 24 hours later, I found that my sign had been stolen. So, I decided to replace the sign and put two more signs in the lobby. If someone didn't want my views to be expressed, then that means that my views should be expressed all the more. Twenty-four hours later, one of the signs had once again been taken down.

If you don't like my views, fine. But I sure as anything have the right to express them.

Jeffrey Longo is a sophomore.

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Taurus - Today you will begin to have nagging doubts about your feet.

Gemini - Inspiration will strike you and leave you for dead. The police will do nothing.

Cancer - You'll start an offbeat new religion, and proclaim that Supreme Truth will be revealed to those who juggle.

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Libra - You will hear a strange "clicking" sound today, as you are walking through the kitchen. Time to trim the toenails, don't you think?

Scorpio - A scruffy-looking man will come up and offer you a raisin muffin. Good idea to decline.

Sagittarius - You will get a "Dear John" letter from a loved one today, but much to your relief, your name isn't "John."

Capricorn - That bad smell in the closet will get stronger. Time to investigate.

Aquarius - Excellent day to study gastroenterology, or possibly to go bowling.

Pisces - Late in the day today you will notice that people seem to be staring at your nose. Don't worry though. It's probably nothing.

Class Project Yields Festival

By CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

While a war to free Iraq is raging in the Middle East, Mary Washington College is helping students and Fredericksburg residents to exercise their right to gather. The second Cause and Effect Festival was in full swing last Friday, March 21 from 4-7 p.m. in Ball Circle.

Senior co-chair of Giant Productions Rob Brown began the Cause and Effect Festival in 2002. Brown launched this program for his sociology class, Civil Rights in the New Millennium. Brown wanted to begin a forum to discuss political and social issues.

"[Mary Washington College] doesn't attract the mainstream debate," Brown said. "Besides the rock there is no forum for debate."

The festival was a mix of politics and entertainment. There were free food, drinks, as well as music provided by two bands, System Sound and McClaw's Drive. The festival included 20 groups from campus and the surrounding Fredericksburg area. Each group had a table from which they could talk to students and other festival attendees about various issues, ranging from fair trade to sex education to racial awareness.

Anybody who wished to be involved with the festival was allowed.

"It is a completely non-discriminatory event," Brown said. "We want it to be an open forum, with the exception of hate speech."

Despite the events occurring in the world right now, there were very few groups talking about war.



Mary Washington College students paint the Spirit Rock.

Julie Stavinski/Bullet

"It is an absolute coincidence that the festival happened at the same time as the war," Brown said.

The Ecology Club was the only group at the festival talking about war. They were there trying to educate students on the environmental issues of war in Iraq.

"[The club] had a lot of ideas, and we took a vote and we decided that this was the best place to get the message across," said sophomore Sarah Heffner, a representative of the Ecology Club.

Other groups at the festival were the Rappahannock United Way and Youth Volunteer Involvement Office, who were looking for what they called

"Volunteer Wheels." This program aids handicapped and the incapacitated by driving them to where they have to go.



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Rob Brown

There were also groups advocating on behalf of the students. Sophomore Erin Breznysak advocated lowering prices at

the Eagle's Nest by comparing it to fast food restaurants and local grocery stores.

Various groups at advocated diversity, sex education, AIDS awareness, and gay and lesbian issues. All of the groups chose to come to this event because of its ease and ability to reach the people.

"You can really find out about issues that matter," said sophomore Eric Wester.

Brown is not sure if the festival will be continued after he graduates.

"I hope this continues and becomes a mainstay," he said. "Maybe, in the future it will be bigger enough to go off campus and even to other schools."

Activist, Survivor, Librarian Retires Sloan Leaves College After 21 Years

By PORTSIA SMITH
Assistant News Editor

Brenda Sloan got a wake up call one evening while driving on Interstate 85. She went to her hometown of Winston-Salem, N.C. to look after her ill mother, but during the four and a half hour drive back to Fredericksburg, she found herself repeatedly falling asleep on the highway.

Sloan, special collections librarian at Mary Washington College, has been traveling back and forth to North Carolina for over a year taking care of her 85-year-old mother, who has arthritis of the spine.

Due to the family illness and the dangers of the road, Sloan, 59, decided to retire early and be the full-time caretaker of her mother.

"If something happened to me, who would take care of me?" Sloan said. "And most importantly, who would take care of my mother?"

Sloan has worked at Simpson Library in special collections since 1982. Here she preserves the rare book

collections and manuscripts of Mary Washington College and makes them and other primary source materials available to the public.

After 21 years, her last day is March 31.

Sloan said she had not planned on retiring for another two years, but she realized that her mother wasn't getting any better.

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Brenda Sloan

was sick with breast cancer, she came to nurse me. Now it's my turn."

In August 1994, Sloan discovered a lump in her breast. She had a mastectomy the following October and began chemotherapy in January 1995 for four months. Her mother temporarily moved to Fredericksburg to care for her during this time.

As a survivor, Sloan serves in various capacities to support newly diagnosed women in the Fredericksburg community.

"From this experience, I am a strong advocate for breast cancer awareness and early detection programs," Sloan said.

She is active in Rise Sister Rise, a support group for Black women with breast cancer and is a participant in the breast cancer event, the Race for the Cure 5K, in Washington, D.C. every June.

Sloan's office in Simpson 217 may be quiet, but when she speaks her voice, and opinion, is made loud and clear. Sloan, with her short bronze hair and tiny feet, is well-known for being a vocal activist both on- and off-campus. When she is not preserving college documents, she is promoting black awareness to the campus and community.

At Mary Washington College, she was co-chair of the Black Faculty/Staff Association from 1986 to 1990 and advisor to the Black Student Association from



Brenda Sloan.

1990 to 1995. In addition, Sloan was on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration Coordinating Committee from 1988 to 1994.

In the community, Sloan serves on the board of directors for the Anne Hanrick Community House which hosts an annual preschool program fund-raiser called Men Who Cook. Associate Professor of English and advisor for the *Bullet* Steve Watkins usually cooks every year. He laughed at Sloan's response when he forgot to show up one year.

"She sent me a picture of myself cooking the year before with a note saying, 'We missed you,'" Watkins said.

Other community projects that Sloan has been involved in are the board of directors for the Fredericksburg Area Community Relations Organization, Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center, and the Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts.



The late James Farmer.

<http://www.mwc.edu/educ/farmer.htm>

FBI May Be Watching

By CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Imagine This: You are walking down College Avenue and a man in a black suit and sunglasses comes up to you. He says, "Excuse me. Please come with me." You are led to an unmarked black vehicle and are soon whisked away to a Federal Detention Center.

This may sound like a story that would come out of a Hollywood movie. However, it has happened in this country before and may happen again.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has been involved on many college campuses, working with campus police and watching students, the Washington Post reported on Jan. 25 in the article entitled, "FBI Taps Campus Police in Anti-Terror Operation."

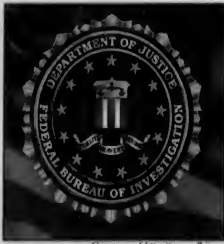
Mary Washington College students are not as of yet being actively watched, however, Lieutenant James C. Snipes, chief of the Mary Washington College Campus Police says that it is a possible event.

"The FBI has not come to the college police about that, but I've heard some discussions about them working with the registrar to check for international students visas," he said.

The registrar was not available for comment.



Professor Stephen Farnsworth talked about FBI investigations.



The FBI seal.

"We may ultimately become a target because of where we're located," said Jason Davidson, assistant professor of Political Science and International Affairs.

According to the Washington Post article, the FBI has approached and worked with larger schools, such as American University and other universities in and around large cities.

The question is whether this will lead to violations of students' civil rights.

This article in the Washington Post details the FBI's record of violating citizens' rights. It describes a period in the 1960's, when the FBI ran a program called COINTELLPRO.

This program was designed to undermine the anti-war movement on college campuses. Students were arrested, spied on and denied their basic rights as Americans by the FBI under the guise of "national security."

Many people are wary about the prospect of the FBI conducting these investigations on college campuses.

"[These investigations are] a potential slippery slope. Once it is started there is no assurance where it will stop," said Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs Stephen Farnsworth. "The government is inclined to overreact."

Other professors have had a negative reaction to the recent news. Associate Professor of Geography Donald Rallis, a recently naturalized American, is originally from South Africa.

"I have lived in this climate before," he said. "It is very reminiscent of apartheid in South Africa. Since 2001 I have seen rising xenophobia in this country, particularly in the administration."

Davidson also spoke in reaction to news that the FBI may begin looking at students' and professors' library records.

"[This] violates the very notion of higher education," he said.

Sloan Befriended Civil Rights Leader

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Sloan also served on the James Farmer Memorial Committee from 1999 to 2001, which was instrumental in organizing the unveiling ceremony of the bronze James Farmer bust in April in recognition of the civil rights leader and history professor that taught at Mary Washington College for 14 years. Farmer was also one of Sloan's best friends.

Sloan had become a great admirer of Farmer, the civil rights giant that led the Freedom Rides in 1961.

Their paths had crossed twice in the 1960's when he helped to train college students for a sit-in demonstration in Durham, N.C. to test the waters of local department stores, but they never met personally.

In 1985, Farmer became a lecturer at Mary Washington College. Sloan was awestruck just by his presence. The two had a collegial relationship that developed into a wonderful friendship until his death in 1999.

Diabetes had started to take a toll on Farmer around 1997 and he became ill. Sloan made sure that he had assistance on the weekends and took his medicine.

"Sloan, you're a pushy broad, aren't you," she said in her best Farmer voice. "Yes I am, now take this medicine."

She becomes teary-eyed when talking about the last few days before his death and said he brought out some of the best memories she's had at Mary Washington College.

Sloan said she is not sure of her plans in North Carolina, but may have an option at one of the four college in Winston-Salem.

"I can't say that I don't want to join the work force," she said. "But I can't get a full-time job because that will defeat the purpose of me leaving here."

The main thing she said she would miss is her colleagues in the library who were very understanding of her needs to leave and cancelled appointments because of her mother's health.

"I've worked with a wonderful group of people here in the library and at the college," Sloan said. "And I do plan to keep in touch."

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After junior Chris Doddridge put the Eagles on the scoreboard with the first of his three goals, the Cardinals came back with four consecutive goals. It was not until 1:24 left in the second quarter when senior captain Paul Shutzman sent one past the goalie for the Eagles' second score.

At halftime, the Eagles decided to take action. "We knew that we were athletically better than Catholic, so we tried to play a faster pace game that involved a more aggressive style on both sides of the ball. Halftime was also 'gut' check time and our team stepped up to meet the challenge," senior defender Tony Ridpath said.

In the third quarter, the Eagles stepped it up and did not look back. With about five minutes remaining in the period, the referees made a questionable call, so head coach Kurt Glaeser voiced his opposition at the referee.

According to junior goalie Tim Boon, Catholic head coach Brooks Singer yelled at Glaeser.

"Just calm down Kurt, it's a penalty, deal with it. We'll talk about it after the game... [expletive]," Boon said, rephrasing the words of Singer.

The two coaches continued to yell at one another, and even across the field, the fans could see what was happening.

"That's when we came out and scored four unanswered goals. It's like when you mess with one of us, you mess with all of us," Boon said.

With the help of Fiore's five assists in this period alone, the Eagles went on a 5-1 run, making the score 7-5. It was after this run that Glaeser went over to Singer to offer his hand in apology. Singer shook it and walked away. He refused to speak to Glaeser after the game.

Junior Matt Wiles contributed all three of his goals during this 5-1 run.

"We came out in the third quarter and pushed the ball forward in transition to create more opportunities for ourselves," Wiles said.

Eagles' junior goalie Mike D'Eredita would only let one more goal in, during the fourth quarter. He had 12 saves on the day.

The men's team continues to work on its game, and look to defeat another conference rival, Goucher University on Saturday, March 29.

"Our goal from the beginning of the year was for our team to be getting better each and every day," Ridpath said. "Our first few games were a learning experience and having a bad taste of a few losses made our desires for winning that much greater. The team continues to be getting better each day and things are coming together. It's still a long road but we are heading in the right direction."

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Tony Ridpath

Baseball Victorious, 7-4

Eagles Score Come From Behind Victory Against North Carolina Wesleyan

By RYAN FINDLEY

Special to the Bulletin

The Mary Washington College baseball team got off to a slow start Tuesday afternoon against North Carolina Wesleyan College, but was able to turn it on in the fifth inning to win by a score of 7-4, improving its record to 9-4 for the season.

The first four innings started off as slowly for the Eagles as North Carolina Wesleyan pitcher Hunter Smith's delivery, which was as funky as four week old socks, managed to keep the Eagles guessing the first four innings. The Eagles were overly aggressive with the bats early, swinging at a lot of first and second pitches and giving North Carolina Wesleyan easy outs.

"He threw a lot of first pitch curve balls, which is unusual for pitchers," senior centerfielder Aaron Altscher said.

Meanwhile, the Eagles' pitcher, freshmen Kevin Foeman was able to keep the North Carolina Wesleyan hitters off balance enough to keep his team within striking distance. Foeman struck out four in the first four innings, but found himself in trouble in the second inning when he hit a batter and walked the next batter on four straight pitches. He was able to settle down and only give one run for the inning. Foeman continued to pitch solidly through the third, but again found himself in trouble in the fourth inning, giving up three hits and two runs.

"My control in the first few innings wasn't pinpoint, but I wasn't worried. I just go out and pitch," Foeman said.

The score remained 3-0 in favor of

North Carolina Wesleyan until the Eagles reached the plate in the fifth inning and busted the game wide open. Senior outfielder Drew Robertson led off and reached base on an error by the shortstop. Senior Sean Townsend then singled to shortstop, putting runners on first and second. A wild pitch then moved the runners over to second and third with no outs. Robertson then scored off a passed ball.

Altscher singled to left field and moved Townsend to third to keep the rally alive. Junior designated hitter Max Scaman was then hit by a pitch to load the bases up. Smith got out of control again and hit senior third baseman Matt Lemire.

That left bases loaded with no outs for senior second baseman John Chiles, who singled to centerfield to score two more runs for the Eagles. Junior catcher Robbie Wright grounded to third, but advanced Chiles to second, leaving a man on second and third. Junior John Hurd then grounded out to the shortstop, but brought in Lemire for the RBI.

Senior Jay Quintana grounded out to the shortstop to halt the Eagles rally, but not before they put up five runs on the scoreboard.

"Their pitcher wasn't nearly as effective the second and third time through the lineup. Late in the game his off speed stuff just wasn't too hard to hit," Altscher said.

The Eagles added to their lead as Robertson sent a rocket to deep centerfield for a leadoff double in the sixth inning. Altscher then singled to left field to bring Robertson in and give the Eagles a little more breathing room.

However, in the seventh inning the Eagles found all of the breathing room they



Anne Litz/Bullet

Senior Aaron Altscher takes his stance before knocking in one of his many hits of the season.

would need. Hurd singled to right field and took off around the bases, stealing second and advancing to third on an overthrow by the catcher. Quintana singled to left to put the Eagles ahead for good.

Foeman kept North Carolina Wesleyan quiet for the rest of the game except for a double and single in the seventh inning, which scored one run. Foeman picked up his first complete game and his second win

of the season. In the end the Eagles came out unscathed with a 7-4 victory and their fourth straight win of the season.

"We are finally stringing hits together and you can see it starting to all come together," Altscher said.

The Eagles will need to continue to string hits together to come up with their fifth win as they will face division foe Catholic University Friday, March 28 in Washington D.C.



Women's Lacrosse Update

The Eagles lost a tough game against Washington and Lee University on Saturday, March 22 by the score of 10-9. However, there are still many games left on the schedule and a lot of lacrosse is left to be played. The team has two home games coming up in the span of three days. The Eagles play against The College of New Jersey at the Battlegrounds on Saturday, March 29 and return to the field on Monday, March 31 against Randolph-Macon College.

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Sports Wire

Compiled by Liz Keller



Rockets Coach Diagnosed With Cancer

Houston Rockets head coach Rudy Tomjanovich will be out indefinitely as he begins treatment for cancer on the surface of his bladder. Tomjanovich announced on March 16 that he would undergo testing for a bladder condition. Two days later, team physician Dr. James Muntz said the coach had transitional cell cancer on his bladder, which would be treatable by applying medication to the organ without surgery. Tomjanovich, 54, had been expected to rejoin his team for the game on Wednesday, March 26 against the Los Angeles Lakers. Instead, he will take a leave of absence as he begins weekly treatments. The Rockets have a 37-33 record with 12 games left in the regular season.

Update On The Madness

March Madness is in full swing with just 16 teams left vying for the national championship. Top seeds Kentucky, Arizona, Texas, and Oklahoma are still alive and hoping to make a trip to the Final Four. The Cinderella story of this year's tournament has been number 12 seed Butler, who defeated Mississippi State and Louisville in the first and second rounds, respectively. Butler will face number one seed Oklahoma on Friday. Of the 16 coaches left, six have won the national title before.

Smith Leaves The Cowboys

The Arizona Cardinals announced Wednesday, March 26 that they had reached an agreement with Emmitt Smith, the NFL's all-time leading rusher. Smith was released by the Cowboys on Feb. 27 in a salary-cap move. The Cardinals were the only team the 33-year-old Smith visited following his release. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Benches Clear During Phillies Game

Both benches cleared during a game on Wednesday, March 26 between the Philadelphia Phillies and Toronto Blue Jays. Phillies manager Larry Bowa was ejected after he yelled at Blue Jays pitcher Roy Halladay. Halladay hit the Phillies' Jim Thome in the third inning, which prompted Phillies reliever Rheal Cormier to come right back in the fourth inning and throw two inside pitches to Halladay while he was batting. Players ran out onto the field following these actions.

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After junior Chris Doddridge put the Eagles on the scoreboard with the first of his three goals, the Cardinals came back with four consecutive goals. It was not until 1:24 left in the second quarter when senior captain Paul Shutzman sent one past the goalie for the Eagles' second score.

At halftime, the Eagles decided to take action. "We knew that we were athletically better than Catholic, so we tried to play a faster pace game that involved a more aggressive style on both sides of the ball. Halftime was also 'gut' check time and our team stepped up to meet the challenge," senior defender Tony Ridpath said.

In the third quarter, the Eagles stepped it up and did not look back. With about five minutes remaining in the period, the referees made a questionable call, so head coach Kurt Glaeser shifted his opposition at the referee.

According to junior goalie Tim Boon, Catholic head coach Brooks Singer yelled at Glaeser.

"Just calm down Kurt, it's a penalty,

deal with it. We'll talk about it after the game... [expletive]," Boon said, rephrasing the words of Singer.

The two coaches continued to yell at one another, and even across the field, the fans could see what was happening.

"That's when we came out and scored four unanswered goals. It's like when you mess with one of us, you mess with all of us," Boon said.

With the help of Fiore's five assists in this period alone, the Eagles went on a 5-1 run, making the score 7-5. It was after this run that Glaeser went over to Singer to offer his hand in apology. Singer shook it and walked away. He refused to speak to Glaeser after the game.

Junior Matt Wiles contributed all three of his goals during this 5-1 run.

"We came out in the third quarter and pushed the ball forward in transition to create more opportunities for ourselves," Wiles said.

Eagles' junior goalie Mike D'Eredita would only let one more goal in, during the fourth quarter. He had 12 saves on the day.

The men's team continues to work on its game, and look to defeat another conference rival, Goucher University on Saturday, March 29.

"Our goal from the beginning of the year was for our team to be getting better each and everyday," Ridpath said. "Our first few games were a learning experience and having a bad taste of a few losses made our desires for winning that much greater. The team continues to be getting better each day and things are coming together. It's still a long road but we are heading in the right direction."

"The team continues to be getting better each day and things are coming together."

Tony Ridpath

Baseball Victorious, 7-4

Eagles Score Come From Behind Victory Against North Carolina Wesleyan

By RYAN FINDLEY

Special to the Bulletin

The Mary Washington College baseball team got off to a slow start Tuesday afternoon against North Carolina Wesleyan College, but was able to turn it on in the fifth inning to win by a score of 7-4, improving its record to 9-4 for the season.

The first four innings started off as slowly for the Eagles as North Carolina Wesleyan pitcher Hunter Smith's delivery, which was as funky as four week old socks, managed to keep the Eagles guessing the first four innings. The Eagles were overly aggressive with the bats early, swinging at a lot of first and second pitches and giving North Carolina Wesleyan easy outs.

"He threw a lot of first pitch curve balls, which is unusual for pitchers," senior centerfielder Aaron Altscher said.

Meanwhile the Eagles pitcher, freshmen Kevin Foeman was able to keep the North Carolina Wesleyan hitters off balance enough to keep his team within striking distance. Foeman struck out four in the first four innings, but found himself in trouble in the second inning when he hit a batter and walked the next batter on four straight pitches. He was able to settle down and only give up one run for the inning. Foeman continued to pitch solidly through the third, but again found himself in trouble in the fourth inning, giving up three hits and two runs.

"My control in the first few innings wasn't pinpoint, but I wasn't worried. I just go out and pitch," Foeman said.

The score remained 3-0 in favor of

North Carolina Wesleyan until the Eagles reached the plate in the fifth inning and busted the game wide open. Senior outfielder Drew Robertson led off and reached base on an error by the shortstop. Senior Sean Townsend then singled to shortstop, putting runners on first and second. A wild pitch then moved the runners over to second and third with no outs. Robertson then scored off a passed ball.

Altscher singled to left field and moved Townsend to third to keep the rally alive. Junior designated hitter Max Seaman was then hit by a pitch to load the bases up. Smith got out of control again and hit senior third baseman Matt Lemire.

That left bases loaded with no outs for senior second baseman John Chiles, who singled to centerfield to score two more runs for the Eagles. Junior catcher Robbie Wright grounded to third, but advanced Chiles to second, leaving a man on second and third. Junior John Hurd then grounded out to the shortstop, but brought in Lemire for the RBI.

Senior Jay Quintana grounded out to the shortstop to halt the Eagles rally, but not before they put up five runs on the scoreboard.

"Their pitcher wasn't nearly as effective the second and third time through the lineup. Late in the game his off speed stuff just wasn't too hard to hit," Altscher said. The Eagles added to their lead as Robertson sent a rocket to deep centerfield for a leadoff double in the sixth inning. Altscher then singled to left field to bring Robertson in and give the Eagles a little more breathing room.

However, in the seventh inning the Eagles found all of the breathing room they



Anne Litz/Bullet

Senior Aaron Altscher takes his stance before knocking in one of his many hits of the season.

would need. Hurd singled to right field and took off around the bases, stealing second and advancing to third on an overthrow by the catcher. Quintana singled to left to put the Eagles ahead for good.

Foeman kept North Carolina Wesleyan quiet for the rest of the game except for a double and single in the seventh inning, which scored one run. Foeman picked up his first complete game and his second win

of the season. In the end the Eagles came out unscathed with a 7-4 victory and their fourth straight win of the season.

"We are finally stringing hits together and you can see it starting to all come together," Altscher said.

The Eagles will need to continue to string hits together to come up with their fifth win as they will face division foe Catholic University Friday, March 28 in Washington D.C.



Anne Litz/Bullet

Women's Lacrosse Update

The Eagles lost a tough game against Washington and Lee University on Saturday, March 22 by the score of 10-9. However, there are still many games left on the schedule and a lot of lacrosse is left to be played. The team has two home games coming up in the span of three days. The Eagles play against The College of New Jersey at the Battlegrounds on Saturday, March 29 and return to the field on Monday, March 31 against Randolph-Macon College.



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Sports Wire

Compiled by Liz Keller



Rockets Coach Diagnosed With Cancer

Houston Rockets head coach Rudy Tomjanovich will be out indefinitely as he begins treatment for cancer on the surface of his bladder. Tomjanovich announced on March 16 that he would undergo testing for a bladder condition. Two days later, team physician Dr. James Muntz said the coach had transitional cell cancer on his bladder, which would be treatable by applying medication to the organ without surgery. Tomjanovich, 54, had been expected to rejoin his team for the game on Wednesday, March 26 against the Los Angeles Lakers. Instead, he will take a leave of absence as he begins weekly treatments. The Rockets have a 37-33 record with 12 games left in the regular season.

Update On The Madness

March Madness is in full swing with just 16 teams left vying for the national championship. Top seeds Kentucky, Arizona, Texas, and Oklahoma are still alive and hoping to make a trip to the Final Four. The Cinderella story of this year's tournament has been number 12 seed Butler, who defeated Mississippi State and Louisville in the first and second rounds, respectively. Butler will face number one seed Oklahoma on Friday. Of the 16 coaches left, six have won the national title before.

Smith Leaves The Cowboys

The Arizona Cardinals announced Wednesday, March 26 that they had reached an agreement with Emmitt Smith, the NFL's all-time leading rusher. Smith was released by the Cowboys on Feb. 27 in a salary-cap move. The Cardinals were the only team the 33-year-old Smith visited following his release. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Benches Clear During Phillies Game

Both benches cleared during a game on Wednesday, March 26 between the Philadelphia Phillies and Toronto Blue Jays. Phillies manager Larry Bowa was ejected after he yelled at Blue Jays pitcher Roy Halladay. Halladay hit the Phillies' Jim Thome in the third inning, which prompted Phillies reliever Rheal Cormier to come right back in the fourth inning and throw two inside pitches to Halladay while he was batting. Players ran out onto the field following these actions.

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▼ **Monday, March 31:**
"All About Mother," a Women's History Month film. Combs Hall, room 139, 4:00 p.m. Free.

▼ **Wednesday, April 2:**
Pat McGee and Jeff Greer Band. The Great Hall in the Campus Center, 8:00 p.m. \$5 for students. Tickets will go on sale one week before the show.

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top ten movies

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2. Dreamcatcher
3. Agent Cody Banks
4. View from the Top
5. The Hunted
6. Chicago
7. Piglet's Big Movie
8. Tears of the Sun
9. Old School
10. Boat Trip

Opening This Weekend:
"Basic," with John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson. "Head of State" with Chris Rock. "Assassination Tango" with Robert Duvall.

Source: www.imdb.com

Quote of the Week

"Ferris Bueller, you're my hero."

-Cameron,

"Ferris Bueller's Day Off"

'We Play From The Heart'

Deep Elm Records Sponsors Suicide Prevention Tour

By DEVIN WAIS
Scene Editor

Suicide is the second leading cause of death in America for high school and college students. Every 18 minutes, another life is lost to suicide. Every minute, another suicide attempt is made.

North Carolina based record company Deep Elm records hopes they can help reduce these numbers.

To provide education on youth suicide prevention, Deep Elm, along

with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Hot Topic Stores, is promoting the first annual Too Young to Die Tour (TYTD), which is stopping at the 929 Cafe in Richmond on Monday, March 31.

"The statistics of youth suicide are staggering and anything we can do to help illuminate the cause is worthwhile," said David Singer, a Deep Elm artist on the tour. "This is an unavoidable plague."

The bands featured on the tour include Brandon, Red Animal War, Desert City

Soundtrack, Settlefish, and David Singer. Other artists and local bands will perform at different stops. Deep Elm is donating a portion of the TYTD proceeds to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). Proceeds come from the sale of tickets and merchandise.

"This is the first time we've ever felt strongly enough to become involved with a cause like suicide prevention," said Chuck Daley from Deep Elm. "While I can't predict any numbers, we're going to do the best we can. Every little bit helps, though,

and if we can help save one life, I think we've done a good thing."

According to Daley, it was not difficult to convince Deep Elm artists to become involved with the TYTD tour.

"We first heard about the TYTD concept during our last tour this winter," said Brian Pho, bassist and vocalist for the band Red Animal War. "John [Such, owner of Deep Elm] asked us if we wanted to be part of it and naturally the answer was a resounding

yes. An awesome bill and supporting of a good cause, how could we say no?"

The AFSP is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing knowledge of suicide and the ability to prevent it. They hold conferences and workshops for the education of suicide prevention and have a relationship with more than 300 survivors of suicide groups around the country.

"Music is the universal language which speaks to us at a level where words can't penetrate," said Red Animal War's Pho. "By virtue of that, it's not a far stretch to imagine that in times of distress music can be someone's coping mechanism. It can help heal when all else fails to comfort."

"We release everything when we play," said Justin Wilson, Red Animal War's vocalist, guitarist, and pianist. "It's a catharsis for us. Hopefully people will connect and feel like they can release any feelings they're holding down."

Pho hopes that the tour will benefit not only the AFSP, but audience members as well.

"We play from the heart, our music is genuine," said Pho. "If someone can identify with it, they will walk away uplifted. This is something I can only hope for, not expect."

Most of the TYTD artists understand the connection between music and people's emotions.

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Photo Courtesy Deep Elm Records

Justin Wilson and the rest of Red Animal War will be at the 929 Cafe in Richmond on Monday, March 31 in support of Deep Elm's Too Young to Die tour. "We release everything when we play," Wilson said.

Oscars In Time Of War

By JENNY BELL
Staff Writer

There are three things synonymous with the Academy Awards in Hollywood: glamour, prestige and, according to host Steve Martin, cleavage. All three were certainly in supply at this year's awards

show despite the fairly subdued atmosphere of the night due to the current war in Iraq. Airing Sunday, March 23, the Oscars lacked the usual red carpet parade of dresses out of respect for feelings that it was not appropriate in this time of war. If any of the actors were worried though, about a possible attack on the theatre they could be assured by Martin's safety plan, "Writers, directors, actors—if we're stuck here tonight and we run out of food, that's the order of whom we eat."

While some presenters and winners chose not to comment on the war, many felt it was their duty to say something. Most of the comments were ambiguous pleas for peace combined with a hope that the war would end soon.

Adrien Brody, Oscar winner for Best Actor in "The Pianist" was the most poignant of his desire for peace when he said, "I am filled with sadness to accept this award at such a strange time... Whatever you believe in whether its God or Allah may he watch over you and protect you and let's pray for a peaceful resolution."

Although Brody's words were touching, they were overshadowed by previous comments made by Oscar winner Michael Moore. Moore, who won Best Documentary Feature for the powerful "Bowling for Columbine," had the most memorable speech of the night when he said, "We like non-fiction and we live in fictitious times. We live



Photo Courtesy yahoo.com

Best Actor winner Adrien Brody spoke of peace in his speech.

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Symfonics To The Rescue

By LESLEY JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Still looking for something fun to do on Friday night? Have no fear, the Symfonics are here!

Symfonics, Mary Washington College's only co-ed a cappella group, will be performing along with American University's, Dime A Dozen, in the Great Hall at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 28. Tickets cost \$3 for students.

Symphonics plans on debuting new music, choreography, and their two newest members, freshmen Jillian Locklear and Matt Skirven. Both Locklear and Skirven will perform solos, which is unusual considering this will be their first performance.

"The audience will definitely see and hear some good stuff during 'Kung Fu Fighting,'" sophomore Aysha Scott said. "We are very excited about the debut of it with Matt as the solo."

All of the members of the group vote democratically about who gets to sing the solos for each song through a silent vote that is later

tallied by seniors Jill Davis and Diana Daly.

"I'm hoping the solo goes well," Skirven said. "It's also one of our most energetic pieces with special attachments if you will, I'm not quite at liberty to delve those out, but yeah it should be a great premier."

The group does not just get up and sing, but they also do all the behind the scenes work to set up their concerts.

"The great thing about Symfonics is that we aren't just a group of music majors," sophomore Lydia Haas said. "We are a group of people who have many different interests and activities

and we are able to do a lot because we have great directors. John Schrippa is our financial director, and Jill Davis and Diana Daly are our business directors. All three of them do a lot of work behind the scenes and they make it all happen."

This will be the last Symfonics Invitational of this year, as well as the last performance by seniors Davis and Daly.

"We don't really like to think about the fact that Diana and Jill are graduating, because we are going to miss them so much," Haas said.



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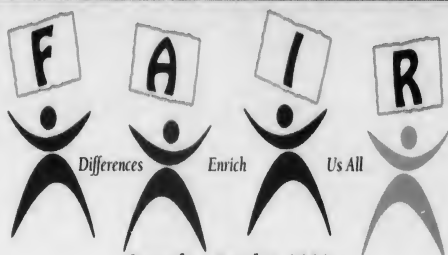
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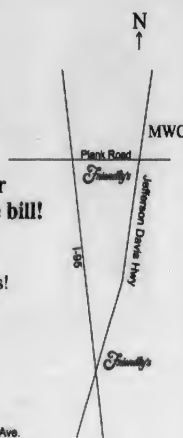
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By Ed Cauty

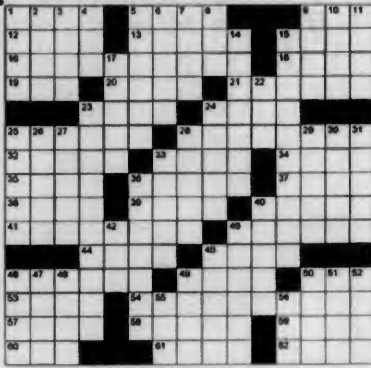
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- 9 Python
- 12 Burn soother
- 13 Shinbone
- 15 Change direction
- 16 JFK schedules
- 18 Ayatollah Khomeini's locale
- 19 Garden tool
- 20 Saber's cousin
- 21 Try out
- 23 Legendary archer
- 24 Certain
- 25 Bearish
- 28 Lunch counter
- 32 Jim Bakker's ex
- 33 1930's dance
- 34 Comfort
- 35 Parisian concept
- 36 Blast
- 37 Additional
- 38 Aloha in Milan
- 39 Helper
- 40 Zip along
- 41 Fighter pilot's unit
- 43 Dressers
- 44 York
- 45 Go-getter
- 46 Fast Spanish dance
- 49 Hawkeye State
- 50 Prosciutto
- 53 Opera feature
- 54 Cold season
- 57 Ogle
- 58 Tardier
- 59 Subject of study
- 60 Rickles for one
- 61 Dozes
- 62 Stoopid

Down

- 1 H.S. requirement
- 2 Hodgepodge
- 3 More than one



4 Plumber's joint

5 Fastener

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7 Can do

8 Contend

9 Belch

10 Tough exam

11 Shakespeare's Hathaway

14 Soothe

15 Clock radio, e.g.

17 Very small

22 Curve

23 Fall

24 Small drum

25 New York city

26 Circle measurements

27 Slanderous defamation

28 A window hanging

29 Bundles

30 Valuable quality

31 Walter and Donna

33 Slippery

36 Nightbird

40 Shave off

42 Sculler's nood

43 Crouches

45 Showered with love

46 Word before eagle

47 Nabisco output

48 Property right

49 Division word

50 Sign up

51 Ub-huh in church

52 Fillet mignon, e.g.

55 Author Fleming

56 Restaurant bill

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war had started a couple of months ago, it would have been the 24th MEU's mission. That would have been me out there. I ask everyone back home to pray for the American service members in the Middle East right now. We will continue to

fight for the American public, and your rights to speak freely. May God bless everyone involved in this war, and allow us to continue to provide you with freedom.

Alex VanBruckelen is a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

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Rape Aggression Defense Class 7-9 PM Lee Hall Ballroom				Masters Swim Club Practice 8-9:30 OM		
Tim Waltonen reads from Nobel Laureates Combs 139 5:00 PM				General Interest Meeting Billiards Club 7:30 p.m. Underground		



McCourt To Hold Court

Famed Author To Speak At Fredericksburg Forum

By ALBERT KUGEL & LAURA HENDERSON
Staff Writers

Mary Washington College's Web Author, Noel Derecki, had novelist Frank McCourt as his high school English teacher.

"Up into that point in writing, I thought it was more important to sound smart," Derecki said. "I found out to use my voice in writing and that was OK to do."

This week's final, sold-out installment of this year's Fredericksburg Forum will feature acclaimed author McCourt, who wrote the 1997 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "Angela's Ashes," which outlines his poverty-stricken childhood in Ireland and its follow-up, "Tis A Memoir," which chronicles his adult years in New York City, according to College Relations.

Associate Professor of English Gardner Campbell will serve as moderator for the event.

"I admire [Mccourt's] work," Campbell said. "He does have a large number of what I would call fans, and I think that is a testament to the impact 'Angela's Ashes' had when it was published."

Campbell also commented on what he thought was truly remarkable about McCourt's writing style.

"Often you'll find that craft makes one suspect insincerity," Campbell said. "But the book speaks so directly of his experience and at the same time, so beautifully, so artfully."

According to Margaret Mock, the college's director of News and Information Services, McCourt's teaching experience of over 30 years helped to change lives.

"He was known for inspiring young people," Mock said. "He didn't follow the book when it came to the curriculum. He had a way of helping them see how literature can change lives."

McCourt charged \$25,000 for the event, which was paid by ticket sales, according to Louise Ashby, the assistant director of Events, Conferences & Faculty Scheduling. Ashby said McCourt was chosen to speak based on a



Photo Courtesy College Relations

Frank McCourt.

recommendation from past Forum audiences.

The Forum, which has been a part of Mary Washington College for seven years, sold out this year for the third year in a row. The Forum will begin at 8 p.m. in George Washington Hall. Immediately following the Forum, there will be a Forum patron reception in Seacock Dining Hall.

McCourt also collaborated with former Mayor of New York City Rudy Giuliani to write the introduction to "Brotherhood," a tribute to New York City firefighters who died on Sept. 11.

McCourt currently lives in New York City and Connecticut and was a teacher in New York City for 30 years.

For any students interested in meeting and hearing McCourt that weren't able to get tickets, there will be a presentation and question and answer period Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Woodard Campus Center. From 3:30 p.m. to 3:50 p.m., there will be a press conference in the red room.

Campus Experts and WAR

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Assistant Professor of Geography Farhang Rouhani said that Iraq has a history of conflict both within the country itself and with western countries specifically Britain and the United States.

According to Rouhani, the greatest population concentrations are in Baghdad and in the port cities near the Gulf.

"As troops are entering Baghdad, that's not just the political center but it's also the economic and cultural center of the country," he said. "Also, through much of the classical history of Islam, Baghdad was really the center of Islamic civilization to a large extent. So in many ways, it's also a very important cultural center and with a very large civilian population."

One of the greatest costs of the war, cited by some professors, is the difficulty in maintaining a positive image of the United States in the eyes of other countries.

"Now we're up to the hard fight, but that just complicates things dramatically," Blakemore said. "Not only the cost to us, the political cost to the Bush administration, material, financial costs to the American people but also I think the potential, long-range costs to our position to the world."

Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs Stephen J. Farnsworth had similar concerns regarding America's relationship with other countries.

"One of the things that concerns me the most is, what about intelligence about another terrorist attack?" he said. "It's clear that our intelligence services dropped the ball on Sept. 11 and so whatever information we could get from other countries could be very useful to us since we can't fully count on our own intelligence services."

Blakemore said that two weeks ago he was against the fight without a U.N. coalition.

"When a big power picks on a little power, no matter how heinous the regime, if there are innocent people kind of caught up in between, the big power eventually turns out to be somewhat of the bully, and that's the problem with not going in with the U.N.'s support," he said.

Even with the potential problems that the war poses most Americans are supportive.

"I think, particularly when American troops are engaged, that there is a great willingness on the part of the American public not to criticize the

government," said Farnsworth. "The approval numbers for Bush are still relative, 68 percent."

According to Farnsworth, the Bush administration asked the media not to show the Al Jazeera, an Arab news agency's footage of American casualties. Most stations and publications have complied.

"There's a real hesitation to show pictures of dead American GIs on the part of most mainstream American news outlets and, by not showing these things, it helps create the sense that the war is going better," he said.

Professor of Psychology Christopher Kilmartin said the media's coverage of the war in not showing footage of U.S. casualties allows Americans to distance themselves from the realities of war.

"There's a cost for going into war and there is a certain perception of that cost," Kilmartin said. "The psychological distance from that, the media, and the government can moderate the psychological distance we have from the horrors of war."

Over the weekend, mere reports of U.S. casualties and prisoners of war resulted in a fall for the stock market.

"I think people's outlook kind of changed," said Professor of Economics Robert Rycroft. "I think it struck home that there is a substantial cost involved with the war, that the war may not be over very quickly, and I think that's what lead to the sell-off on Wall Street yesterday."

Rycroft said that uncertainty regarding the outcome of the war has had a stalling effect on America's economy.

"I'm hoping that once the war is out of the way, the uncertainty is out of the way, the economy will be able to grow at a more acceptable rate," he said.

Professors had varying opinions in the effects on America and the world in the aftermath of the war.

"I think rebuilding Iraq would be good for the U.S. economy because a lot of the people who are going to be involved in the rebuilding are going to be Americans," said Rycroft. "Work crews and their companies will be able to provide jobs that Americans can do."

Rouhani is concerned with the harsh effects of the bombings on the health of the population in Iraq.

"My personal opinion is that I'm very much opposed to the war, and I hope that it's stopped or ended as soon as possible," he said. "I think that we're seeing the beginning of the military attack itself can be very short but have great long-term consequences."

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